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MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Subject: Required Submission of Information
Safety Light Corporation Site
Bloomsberg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:

The following information regarding our facility is in response to the questions asked in a letter from Laura B. Janson of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Region III dated April 18, 2006 to the Veterans Health Administration. The numbering follows the numbering of the questions and subparts of questions as instructed in the letter.

1. We have examined the written record provided with the letter. We have a copy of the Atomic Energy Commission license noted in an extract from a ledger attached to that letter. It authorizes possession of a detector cell containing Sr90 manufactured by US Radium Corp as a component of a Barber-Coleman chromatograph. The license stipulates that the cell is to be tested through Barber-Coleman periodically. It therefore appears probable that the 4 transactions that are shown in the ledger show the return of sources to the Manhattan VA Medical Center after testing in response to the license conditions imposed by the Atomic Energy Commission. There is no indication that any source was retained by the vendor. There was apparently no direct business relationship between the Manhattan VA Medical Center and Safety Light or related entities. The documentation implies that the only business relationship was with an entity known as Barber-Coleman, which presumably had a relationship with US Radium. We have no knowledge or known record of any other business relationship between the Manhattan VA Medical Center and Safety Light.

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2. We have no knowledge or known record that any of the materials cited were disposed of or reclaimed by any of the cited entities.

3. Not applicable based on the answer to question 2.

4. We have no knowledge or known record of the generation of any radioactive wastes by or at the Manhattan VA Medical Center that were disposed of or reclaimed by any of the cited entities.

5. Not applicable based on the answer to question 4.

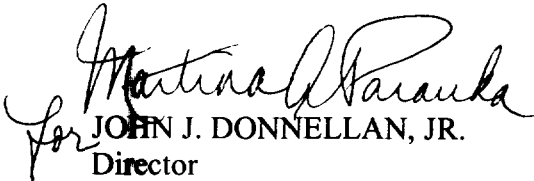
6. We have no reason to so believe.

7. We are unaware of any information or documents that might be responsive to this request other than those in our possession.

8. We have no other such information to the best of our knowledge.

9. We are unaware of any documents solicited in this request that are not in our possession.

If you have any questions concerning this information please contact Tommy Mui, Chief, Engineering Service at (212) 686-7500, ext. 7300.


For JOHN J. DONNELLAN, JR.
Director



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